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Senator Herbert H. Lehman
United States Senate
Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

Since the out-break of hostilities in Korea, prices of leather and other items going into the production of our product, which is children's shoes, have advanced drastically and will necessitate an increase in the price of our production in the very near future unless something is done to bring our costs back again into line.

While we very much dislike controls of any kind, yet it is our considered opinion that some sort of ceilings should be put on the prices of raw materials of our product, the basic ones of which are hides and skins. By effectively controlling the price at the source, we believe that the prices of the finished items will be able to be maintained at their Pre July levels.

Hides and skins are a basic commodity and are a bi-product of meat slaughter. The supply of hides and skins is not subject to the demand for hides and skins but subject to the demands for meat. By putting a ceiling price on hides and skins it would not effect their production therefore, and at the same time would insure shoe and leather manufacture of a stabilized cost structure.

We would appreciate your earnest consideration of the foregoing problem and would like to hear from you as to your position in this matter.

Yours truly,

JULIUS ALTSCHUL, INC.

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